



## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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Andrew J. Rice Project Manager Ramaker & Associates, Inc. 855 Community Drive Sauk City, Wisconsin 53583

RE: inMOTION Wireless Inc. Telecommunication Projects, Haverhill Commuter Rail Line, Multiple Locations, Andover, MA. MHC# RC. 59298, 59300, 59308.

Dear Mr. Rice:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) have reviewed the updated project information, received at this office on April 24, 2017 and May 11, 2017, for the projects referenced above.

The project consists of the construction of Wi-Fi telecommunication monopoles within existing active railroad right of ways along the Haverhill Commuter Rail Line in Massachusetts. The information provided indicates that the project will require permitting from the Federal Communication Commission (FCC).

The MHC understands that the proposed telecommunication monopoles are no longer Positive Train Control antennas and are now proposed to be solely inMOTION Wireless Inc. telecom monopoles. The MHC also understands that the proposed monopoles have changed from 65-foot (74-foot overall) concrete towers to 65 or 70-foot (74-foot overall) steel monopole towers, but that the proposed location, shelter platform size, and utility pathways remain the same.

The MHC has received comments from the Town of Andover, the Andover Preservation Commission, and numerous concerned residents regarding the potential visual impacts to surrounding historic properties by the following proposed wireless telecommunication monopoles:

- 2 Burnham, Road, Andover, MA; MHC# RC. 59298
- 43 River Street, Andover, MA; MHC# RC. 59300
- 49 Haverhill Road, Andover, MA; MHC# RC. 59308

The MHC requests that the project proponent develop photo simulations of the proposed installations in Andover, in addition to a crane or balloon test, or another type of viewshed analysis, to assess the potential visual effects and that the results be submitted to the MHC and the concerned historical commissions listed above for review and comment.

The MHC requests the proponent consult with the Town of Andover, the Andover Preservation Commission and the MHC to explore alternatives that would avoid, minimize, or mitigate any potential visual impacts to historic properties. Copies of any comments received should be submitted to the MHC.

These comments are provided to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800) and the terms of the FCC Programmatic Agreement. If you have questions please contact Linda Santoro at this office.

Sincerely,

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